

A RESOLUTION to honor Jerry Robertson, ETSU Head Athletic
Trainer.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected Representatives of the state of Tennessee should honor those outstanding citizens who through their unfailing devotion and determination have made significant achievements in their professions and in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jerry Robertson is one such person who has earned the respect of many, as he has been a constant and unyielding presence in East Tennessee State University athletics for more than 30 remarkable years; and

WHEREAS, an ETSU graduate, Mr. Robertson received his bachelor's degree in physical education in 1964, then went on to earn his master's degree in administration from Mississippi State University in 1965 before returning to this alma mater; and

WHEREAS, since 1965, "Doc" Robertson has served ETSU athletics with enthusiasm, industry and singular acumen as head trainer and faculty member; and

WHEREAS, knowledgeable observers aver that Mr. Robertson is a man endowed with wisdom, uncommon insight, and a genuine concern for others; colleagues say he is a voice of integrity in athletic education and is unparalleled in his profession; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robertson is lauded as one of the best athletic trainers in the country; the Buccaneer program he established is renowned throughout the nation and is the only National Athletic Trainers Association-certified training curriculum in the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, more than 40 of Mr. Robertson's former students and graduates of ETSU's exemplary training curriculum have gone on to distinguish themselves in the profession, serving as trainers at nationally recognized colleges and universities and in professional sports programs; and

WHEREAS, ever one to shoulder the mantle of professional responsibility, Mr. Robertson served as President of the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) from 1989 until 1992, and in June of 1995, completed a three-year term as the organization's District Director; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments and accolades aside, Mr. Robertson is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Jeanie, and their two children, Josh and Jo Lynn; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robertson's devotion has endeared him to many, including ETSU students, faculty and alumni and the entire Johnson City community; he is truly an outstanding individual and model Tennessean whose life serves as a shining example of the virtues of hard work and dedication; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Mr. Jerry Robertson for more than 30 years of contributions to his profession, East Tennessee State University, his community and the entire state of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause deleted from such copy.

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